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SUBJECT: R/V VEMA

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 3454; (B) STATE 157267

1. FOR PAST THREE MONTHS EMBASSY HAS INDICATED TO DEPARTMENT THE DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING GOI CLEARANCE FOR CRUISE SHIPS IN INDIAN WATERS (REFTEL A). ADEQUATE NOTICE IS VITAL TO THIS CLEARANCE. BY ADEQUATE NOTICE WE MEAN THAT THE GOI WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL AS WELL AS THE CRUISE TRACK IN SUFFICIENT TIME (6-8 MONTHS) TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE.

2. SINCE THE R/V VEMA (REF B) IS OF PANAMANIAN REGISTRY THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OR EVEN SEEN ANY CORRESPONDENCE EXCEPT FOR A FEW DEPARTMENTS CABLES ON PERSONNEL CLEARANCE. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW TO WHOM DR. TALWANI HAS WRITTEN, OR WHICH AGENCIES WERE CONSULTED BY DR. TALWANI. EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE ASKED DR. R.D. DESHPANDE, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, TO DETERMINE WHERE THE POSSIBLE HOLD UP IN CLEARANCE MIGHT BE. SCIENCE OFFICE COULD ONLY PROVIDE DESHPANDE WITH INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL B.

3. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS RESEARCH CRUISE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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SPONSORED BY A U.S. AGENCY, NSF. IF THE PROJECT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED THROUGH THE EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE TO DST, THE KEY GOI AGENCY IN THIS AREAS, THE EMBASSY AND DST WOULD HAVE PROVIDED THE NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP. DESHPANDE HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE EFFORT AND HAS FOUND THAT THE AMERICA'S DESK OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS NOT REPEAT NOT SEEN THE TALWANI REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE.

4. EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICE AND DESHPANDE NEED NAMES OF
PEOPLE CONTACTED BY TALWANI AND CORRESPONDENCE IN ORDER
TO PURSUE MATTER AND FEEL THAT TIMELY CLEARANCE MAY BE
DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.GOHEEN

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